

AGENDA: May 13, 2003

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CATEGORY: Unfinished Business

DEPT.: City Manager

TITLE: Legislative Objectives for the
2003 Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION

Review comments submitted by Councilmembers to the legislative objectives proposed at the Council meeting of February 11, 2003 and take actions to amend the objectives that were adopted by Council on April 8, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

It has been Council's practice over the last four years to review and adopt a set of legislative objectives to be used for legislative advocacy during the State and Federal legislative sessions. The purpose of the objectives is to allow for a City position on a particular measure to be articulated in a timely manner. In cases where a specific measure does not fall within the objectives, staff will not articulate the City's position without bringing the item to Council for consideration and direction. Council considered the legislative objectives for the 2003 legislative sessions at the Council meeting of February 11, 2003. During Council deliberation on the item, there were concerns expressed regarding several of the objectives. At that meeting, the Council took no action on the objectives and, instead, asked for each Councilmember with questions and concerns to provide comments to City staff. Four Councilmembers provided comments which range from a comment that objectives are similar to what other cities had to noting significant issues.

Staff has taken the objectives as proposed and noted where and what the comments were made by noting the concerns in italics. At the Council meeting of April 8, 2003, Council took action to adopt those legislative objectives that had no comments associated with them (Attachment 1) and asked the remainder be brought back to a future Council meeting. Attached (Attachment 2) are those remaining objectives that had comments associated with them. Council may wish to adopt the objectives as proposed or with amendments. If additional objectives are approved, the objectives approved on April 8, 2003 will be amended to include the additional objectives.

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ALTERNATIVES

An alternative to adopting the additional objectives is to have the objectives approved on April 8, 2003 stand as the 2003 legislative session objectives. In cases where there are no legislative guidelines provided, staff will bring all relevant bills and measures to Council for action prior to articulating the City's position.

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Attachments: 1. April 8, 2003 Approved Legislative Objectives
2. Legislative Objectives Noting Councilmember Comments